

from the main line to the branch at M. M. Rowe's, at which point they shall build a depot whenever the present depot at Newton shall be abandoned; and from this point the said company shall use the branch as far as may be practicable, as a part of the main trunk line. For the purposes of this section, the said company shall have power and authority to use the labor of convicts under such rules and regulations as have been, or may hereafter be, prescribed by law for the use of such labor on said railroad, and such part of the net earnings of said road as may be necessary, or any other means at their command.

Depot at Conover

The citizens of Conover shall be allowed a depot at their own expense at said place.

SEC. 12. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 19th day of February, A. D. 1877.

## CHAPTER CVII.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF SALEM, IN FORSYTHE COUNTY.

Jurisdiction of  
the mayor.

SECTION 1. *The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact*, That the mayor of the town of Salem shall, as occasion may arise, hold a special court for the trial of misdemeanors cognizable before a justice of the peace, committed within the corporate limits of the town.

Taxes.

SEC. 2. The commissioners of the town of Salem may, not oftener than annually, lay and collect taxes on all subjects of taxation, taxed by the General Assembly for public purposes, on all polls taxed by the state, and also a commutation tax on all persons liable to work on the public roads.